

CITY OF MUSKEGON
HISTORIC DISTRICT COMMISSION
SPECIAL MEETING
MINUTES

July 22, 2003

The meeting was called to order at 4:46 p.m. by Chairperson, D. Chambers.

MEMBERS PRESENT: D. Chambers, J. Hilt, L. Spataro, L. Cole, A. Medema,
T. Russo

MEMBERS ABSENT: T. Bosma, excused.

STAFF PRESENT: B. Lazor, H.Griffith

OTHERS PRESENT: Y. Rone-Burton, E. Harris, 1342 Peck.

NEW BUSINESS/PUBLIC HEARINGS

Case 2003-46: Request to Repair Porch and Install Fence. Applicant: Yvette Rone-Burton; 1342 Peck Street; District: McLaughlin; Class: A. B. Lazor presented the staff report. On July 11, 2003; a vehicle drove into the porch at the above address and severely damaged the structure. The applicant wishes to repair the damages and make changes to the resource. Since the porch needs to be reconstructed, a foundation must be added. New front steps need to be added because they were destroyed in the accident. The applicant also wishes to add vinyl lattice underneath the porch to simulate what was there. The porch currently has two types of columns and railings. Both wood columns and railings along with metal columns and railings are present. The applicant has supplied a brochure for replacement of the iron. The applicant will also be bringing another column and railing sample to the meeting. The roof section is in need of repair and may have to come down as well. The applicant also wishes to erect a 3 foot high scalloped picketed vinyl fence around the perimeter of yard. To approve the request to repair the porch at 1342 Peck Street and installation of the fence in the yard. The lower portion of the porch (including porch skirting) and railings should generally conform to the supplied HDC drawings. The fence would add to the character of the home. If the roof section of the porch needs to be replaced then all detail and configuration should be replicated using either old or new pieces. Having one consistent theme on the porch – either metal railings or other materials could be considered better than having the two inconsistent ones. The placement of the fence has not been approved by zoning yet, staff suggests HDC approval per zoning approval.

A. Medema asked where the proposed fence would be. Y. Rone-Burton stated that it would be 18 in. from the sidewalk. L. Spataro stated that he would prefer to see the round columns. D. Chambers asked if the spindles were going to be vinyl. Y. Rone-Burton stated that they would be. E. Harris asked about installing “highway type” concrete barriers to prevent a car from coming onto the lawn. L. Spataro stated that would not be appropriate for the area. L. Spataro suggested they may install small cylindrical cement filled tubes behind the fence in order to help stop a vehicle from entering the yard.

A motion that the repair and reconstruction of the porch at 1342 Peck Street be approved per submitted details with the following conditions: 1) The applicant must secure all necessary permits. 2) The fence must conform to zoning requirements. 3) The porch floor and ceiling should match what is existing – including tongue and grooved wood applications. 4) If the roof structure needs to be removed, when it is reconstructed, layout and detail should match what was originally there. 5) The railings and skirting on the porch should generally conform to the supplied HDC guidelines and the lattice may be made of vinyl. 6) The porch steps should be made of wood with a solid or lattice skirting. 7) Round Columns, was made by L. Spataro, supported by T. Russo and unanimously approved.

OTHER

Mall Update. L. Spataro gave an update on the Muskegon Mall designations.

ADJOURN

The meeting adjourned at 5:14 p.m.

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